



Fellside Community Primary School

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Fellside Matters

Commitment, Confidence, Change, Creativity, Challenge, Collaboration, Curiosity.

Ambition for all.

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Deputy Head's Message:

I am excited to be writing the newsletter this week and let you know what has been happening in school! Our pupils have been working incredibly hard and it has been wonderful to see the effort and enthusiasm they put into their learning each day.

I was especially proud of the year groups who had the privilege of visiting Fellside Methodist Church to take part in a Christmas Experience Workshop. This was a fantastic opportunity for them to learn and reflect in a meaningful way and for us take part in events within our local community. Thank you to our Religious Education Lead, Mrs Scott, for organising such a wonderful whole school visit. A huge thank you to our PTA volunteers who supported the pupils by walking with them to and from the church—we are so grateful for your help and commitment. Both Mrs Green and I were incredibly proud of the behaviour and respect shown by our pupils during the visit. Their excellent conduct was even commented upon by Rev. Brigitta Steel, who led the sessions.

We received this message from Revd Brigitta Steele:

*The children enjoyed their visit looking at the Christmas journey. **The church will be open on Saturday 29th November 10-12 noon if any families would like to come and see it. Coffee and cake will be served, too.** It would be lovely to welcome you.*

As we move closer to the festive season school is becoming a hive of activity with many events planned. Please do check the dates below and return reply slips as we don't want you to miss out!

On Tuesday after school, Mrs Green and her lunchtime choir will be singing at the Whickham Christmas Tree Light Switch On. Please do go along to support, they have been practising and even have a treat in store for all attending!

I hope you all enjoy a restful and joyful weekend with your families. Thank you for your continued support—it truly makes a difference.

Ms Thornber

Key Dates

You can see a bit of a Christmas Theme creeping up here... While many people enjoy the excitement, we know that this can be overwhelming for some children and families; please let your child's teacher know if they need to be aware of anything that may be dysregulating during this period.

Tuesday 25th November

- Year One local visit to Elliott's Fruit and Vegetable Shop
- Whickham Christmas Tree Light Switch On – all welcome to walk down together if you would like to (more details to follow)

Friday 28th November

- PTA Christmas Fair – raffle tickets for this have been sent out with your child today. Please fill in the stubs and return them to the class teacher.

Tuesday 2nd December 2.15pm

- Foundation Stage Performance

Wednesday 3rd December

- Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 4th December 9.30am

- Foundation Stage Performance

Friday 5th December

- Y1 – 6 Panto in school AM
- EY Panto in school PM

Monday 15th December

- PTA Christmas Disco

Please continue to check our website, which is updated regularly with key dates.

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Nursery

Nursery children have enjoyed reading a special story together – “The First Christmas”. They have pressed, rolled, and cut dough to create salt dough decorations ready for Christmas. Nursery children have also been learning about the Christmas nativity story and the birth of Jesus. In mathematics, they have been counting groups and comparing times. They really enjoyed playing “Pirates” this week, moving in different ways, and following instructions.

Creativity winner: Freya H

Year One

Year One children have been enjoying the story “Kitty and the Moonlight Adventure” this week. They have been writing non-chronological reports about lions. In maths, children have ordered the months of the year as well as the seasons. In geography, pupils have been having fun mapping the school grounds. Children have developed their computer skills by creating digital jigsaws. In music, children have been practising songs for their upcoming performance. What a very busy week!

Creativity winner: Xander C

Year Three

Year Three continued reading “The Christmasaurus” by Tom Fletcher as well as reading “Being Just Ted”. Within their writing, they have used conjunctions to expand sentences for their biography of Mary Anning while, in maths, they have learnt more about multiplication and using arrays. Within geography, children have been identifying the difference between Great Britain and the United Kingdom. As part of computing, children have continued their discussions around online bullying while, in RE, children learnt about the Five Pillars of Islam. During PSHE, Year Three thought about how respectful relationships and how they can demonstrate being respectful towards others.

Creativity winner: Nathaniel S

ATTENDANCE WINNERS: 97.93%

Year Five

Children in Year Five have been reading “The Viewer. They have enjoyed exploring the story and engaging with the characters and events. In writing, they have been using personification and similes. In mathematics, children have been adding fractions this week. Children had a very exciting afternoon on Tuesday when members from Newcastle Eagles came into school to conduct a “Hoops for Health” workshop.

Creativity winner: Ava T

Reception

Reception children have been enjoying the story “Whatever Next” this week. They have been writing names and simple words in list form. In early maths, children have been learning the names and describing both 2D and 3D shapes.

In group time, children have been creating junk model rockets, just like in the story they have been reading! In computing, children have developed their mouse control skills by using tools to create shapes. In PE, they have been playing games and learning how to work as a team. Children have been learning their lines and practising songs for their upcoming performance.

Creativity winner: Millie L

ATTENDANCE TARGET: 91.33%

Year Two

Year Two have enjoyed sharing “Jack and the Jelly Beanstalk and Jack and the Beanstalk” this week and have discussed the differences in both texts. They have written their own story using time connectives to move a story on. During maths, they have been grouping amounts into equal groups and learning multiplication tables. In music, children have enjoyed playing their recorders and learning their second note. They have begun to read notation to play songs with their instruments. Year Two enjoyed PE where they have been practising their ball skills by rolling to a target. They have enjoyed practising songs for their up and coming performance.

Creativity winner: Charlotte R

Year Four

The wonderful story of “The Egyptian Cinderella” is continuing to be shared in Year Four, as they have looked closely at creating a leaflet about jobs the Ancient Egyptians completed in the past. During maths, they have been learning about tenths as decimals while, in RE, they have talked about the period of Advent in the Christian Calendar. They enjoyed learning their lines for their Christmas performance as well as learning how to say ‘my’ in French and adding it to previous learning.

Creativity winner: Andrew L

Year Six

The text being shared by children in year Six is “A Christmas Carol”. Pupils have had a very busy week with assessments and have demonstrated resilience and excellence during both Reading and Mathematics papers. As part of geography, they have continued to learn about the mouth and sources of world rivers. In PE, pupils have been playing hockey and learning how to complete a ‘push pass’. In music, children have enjoyed practising songs for their up and coming performance. Their enthusiasm and excitement has impressed their teachers this week!

Creativity winner: Ruby L & Freya L